

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010, 7:25 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL—Johnson, Bowie, Stull, Tome, Smith—present; Biser—absent

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

Recent snow events—City has received many favorable comments, as well as a few who weren't happy. City did not receive any emergency reimbursement for December snow storm. Will apply for February snow storm aid.

Attended Maryland Mayor's Conference last week. Highway User Fund reduction was discussed. Governor O'Malley assures Mayors that there will be an improvement in the coming years.

Met with County Commissioners yesterday to discuss County Comprehensive Plan. County Commissioners eliminated City's growth area. Left meeting yesterday with some modifications, but still more work to be done.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor and Council—January 12, & 26, 2010

Finance—January 5, 2010

Motion to approve—Bowie

2<sup>nd</sup>—Stull

Vote 5-0

Kim Mezzanotte—Received money from Pulte for Galyn Manor in the amount of \$68,193.82 to cover grinder pump purchase, repairs, and outstanding invoices to date. City now officially accepts the streets of Galyn Manor.

**CITIZENS' FORUM**

Marianne Willburn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue—Believes City did an excellent job with snow removal. Did not address skateboarding issue because she believes Ellis Burruss addressed that issue well at the last meeting.

Seth Elder, 723 East Potomac Street—Believes overall it is a parent's responsibility to take care of their own kids, not government.

Karin Birch, 6 First Avenue—Is not against helmets. Wonders why City is discouraging bicycle

riders beyond Maryland law.

Steve Collings, 17 East A Street--Asks background of ordinance and Maryland law?

Mayor--Safety was the issue at hand when City officials developed this ordinance. State Helmet Law is already on the books, and City wishes to follow.

Chief Frech--Believes that Maryland doesn't enforce this law because it would tie up court systems. Police receiving complaints regarding children riding on hills, etc. in Brunswick.

Lynn Follin--Believes if you tell children they must wear a helmet, they will opt not to ride at all.

## CONSENT AGENDA

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

### Ordinance 488--Mandatory Bicycle & Skateboard Helmet Law

Bowie--Appreciates all comments, but has also received many phone calls and concerns regarding wish to create this ordinance.

Stull--C&O brochure does require helmet usage required by helmet law. Believes adults should lead by example. This is the City's second public hearing, so all residents have had ample time to research the issue prior to this evening. Will vote in favor of this.

Tome--Has heard from citizens regarding unsafe riding practices of children. Safety is always the Council's concern. Will vote in favor of this for children.

Smith--He is interested in passing this ordinance so Police Department has some enforcement where skateboarders are concerned.

Johnson--Will vote in favor of ordinance.

Johnson--Motion to approve Ordinance 488, age 16 and under, with \$10 fine

2<sup>nd</sup>--Smith

Vote 5-0

### Ordinance 489--Juvenile Curfew Law

Stull--Motion to approve Ordinance 489

2<sup>nd</sup>--Bowie

Smith—Questions Chief whether he thinks this law is necessary.

Chief—Would definitely help with enforcement. There is no loitering law currently to prevent people from being out. This will allow officers to approach people on the street.

Stull—Will amend motion to include 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m.

Seth Elder, 723 East Potomac Street—Believes age limit is too high.

Vote 5-0

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Date City Administrator Date

